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TO: AMBASSADOR GODLEY, VIENTIANE

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

REFERENCE: VIENTIANE 656

IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE THEY INDICATED THAT THEIR PLANNING CONTEMPLATED EVACUATION FROM HANOI BY U.S. MILITARY MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT THROUGH AIR CORRIDORS TO THE WEST, WHICH WOULD TAKE THEM PRESUMABLY TO VIENTIANE. OUR OWN MILITARY WOULD PREFER, IF POSSIBLE, TO FLY DIRECTLY FROM HANOI TO CLARK WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AN EASTWARD FLIGHT PLAN. THIS IS SOMETHING WE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

WARM REGARDS.

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